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TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY GENERATOR FUEL TANK

NAIROBI FOR RCO

DEPT. FOR A/OC

REF: A) NAIROBI 5563

B) NAIROBI 5287

1. BUILDER ADVISES EXCAVATION BEHIND BUILDING FOR PLACEMENT OF FUEL TANK UNDERGROUND IMPOSSIBLE DUE TO ROCK JUST BELOW SURFACE. TANK, THEREFORE WILL HAVE TO GO ON ROOF.
2. BLOCK WALLS SUPPORTING SUN ROOF (REFTEL B, PARA 3) WILL PRESENT PROBLEMS NOT ONLY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TANK WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE DONE IN PLACE BUT ALSO FOR FILLING OF TANK. ACCESS FROM ROOF WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT

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PARTICULARLY SINCE A PUMP HAS JUST BEEN INSTALLED IN FRONT OF ACCESS HOLE IN FIRST BLOCK WALL.

3. PHOTOS WILL BE FORWARDED SHORTLY WHICH SHOULD CLARIFY SITUATION.

4. FOR RCO: IF COST OF WORK HAS BEEN APPROVED, REQUEST YOU ASK ARCHITECT TO ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS FOR WORK TO START ON STAIRWAY LEADING FROM 4TH FLOOR TO GENERATOR ROOM. THIS WILL NOW PROVIDE BEST MEANS OF ACCESS UNTIL GENERATOR ARRIVES AND SUN ROOF IS REMOVED.

5. FOR A/OC: TO ASSIST IN ADVANCE PLANNING, WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE FOLLOWING:

A. BROCHURE SHOWING PHOTO OF GENERATOR AND LISTING DIMENSIONS,  
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WEIGHT, SIZE.

B. ESTIMATED PURCHASE/SHIPPING DATE.

6. IT IS NOW CERTAIN THAT GENERATOR MUST BE DISMANTLED PRIOR TO PLACEMENT ON ROOF. SINCE CRANE LONG ENOUGH TO PLACE GENERATOR NOT AVAILABLE ON ISLAND, TWO POSSIBILITIES REMAIN WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE GENERATOR BE SEPARATED INTO THREE MAIN SECTIONS:

A. BASE

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B. ENGINE

C. GENERATOR

FIRST POSSIBILITY IS TO CONSTRUCT A TEMPORARY SUPPORT ON FRONT EDGE OF ROOF WITH A BEAM PROTRUDING OVER EDGE; PIECES WOULD THEN BE PULLED UP FRONT OF BUILDING. SECOND POSSIBILITY, WHICH IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY ATTRACTIVE IS TO REQUEST A "LIFT" FROM HELICOPTER FROM VISITING USN SHIP.

7. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. ADVISE IF SEABEES AVAILABLE WHO COULD SUPERVISE CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY SUPPORT AND WHO COULD RIG GENERATOR FOR LIFTING UP FRONT OF BUILDING OR BY HELICOPTER.

B. ADVISE IF ASSIST FROM HELICOPTER WORTH PURSUING; IF SO, APPRECIATE SOME IDEA OF WEIGHT OF GENERATOR DISMANTLED.  
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